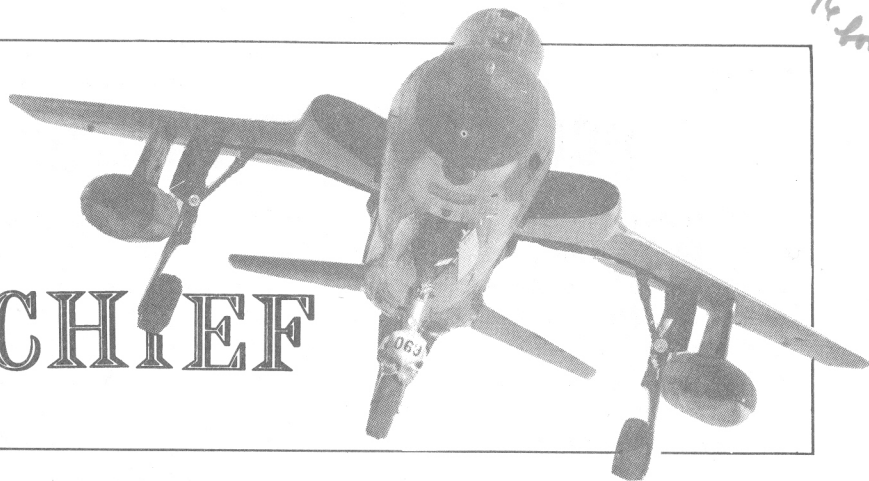


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## Oil Talk Now for Masses

Oil depletion, cost of foreign crude, quotas on imported oil and the cost and new means of exploring for petroleum once were of interest only to people connected with the petroleum industry. But it was spilled on the heads of the rest of the world in dramatic fashion the past few months.

As the energy crisis widens, with fears of rationing and armed robbery prices growing daily each of us is caught up in a drive to reduce energy consumption, including everything to reducing home heating to walking more or joining a car pool.

Maj. Roger P. Scheer, commander of the Det. 507, said the current energy shortage will have a long term effect on this unit. But as of now there will be no curtailment of training activities.

However, he stressed the need for a wiser use of energy supplies now.

He feels the unit will be hit harder in the future than it is now.

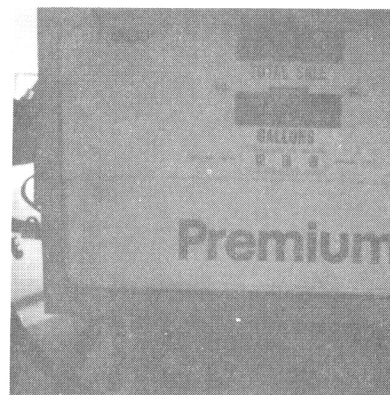
Even the Department of Defense, once thought of as the paragon of waste, has leaped into

the fray with admonishments to reduce energy use. In fact new acronym --ZEW-- has been coined, which, hopefully, will make people more aware of waste. (In case you haven't figured it out, ZEW means "Zero Energy Waste.")

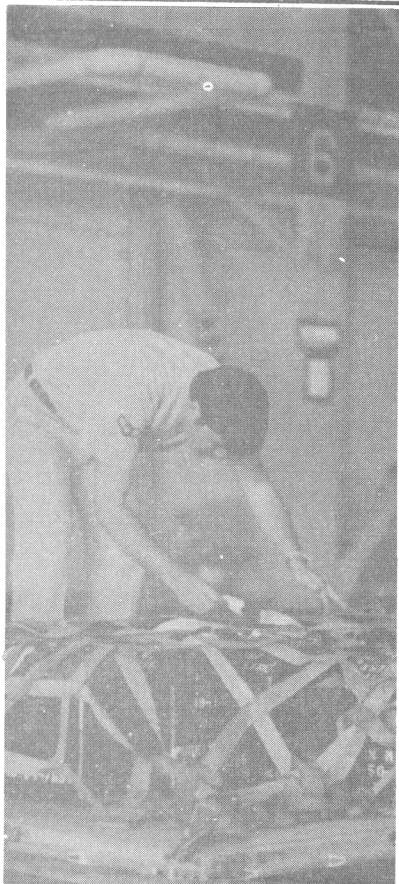
To bring home this message and to stress its importance the Tactical Air Command Press Service has added a new twist to press releases rather than use the traditional '30' of the newspaper world, the press service, now uses 'ZEW' to end each story.

TAC has also adopted a new symbol, the buffalo. A TAC press release

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ENERGY CRISIS -- Half-a-dollar a gallon gasoline apparently is not far off as the energy crisis widens



INSPECTION -- AIC Richard Caram prepares a pallet for flight as the 12th Air Force IG team made an expected visit to the 507th during the December UTA. The Bergstrom AFB, Texas, group observed the unit during an operational Readiness Inspection which included the mobility exercise in which Caram is participating. The IG team conducted an inspection of the 507th's flying mission and related support. The ORI reflects actual combat capability.

# COMMANDER'S CALL: by Maj. R.P. Scheer

If something obviously needs to be done, a good manager - at whatever level- doesn't wait to be told to do it. If it's in his baliwick, and he has the authority, he simply goes ahead and does it.

If there's any doubt whether he has the authority to act, he points out the problem, suggests action and asks for approval. If it's completely out of his area, he recommends action to those who do have the authority - tactfully, of course.

The point is, if something needs to be done, the man with initiative feels a personal responsibility to do what he can to get it started. Others may be just as willing to work hard, just as able, but they don't have the spark to start action on their own.

Why do some people hesitate to take the responsibility for changing anything, for starting in new directions? There are many reasons, one of which is the fear of being blamed as the project fails. Another reason and perhaps the most unfortunate one is that they simply don't visualize it as a key part of their job.

This attitude can be clearly seen in the actions of many newly-promoted managers.

The new manager--suddenly thrust into the position of giving people directions whereas before he has merely followed someone else's--may see himself as just a com-

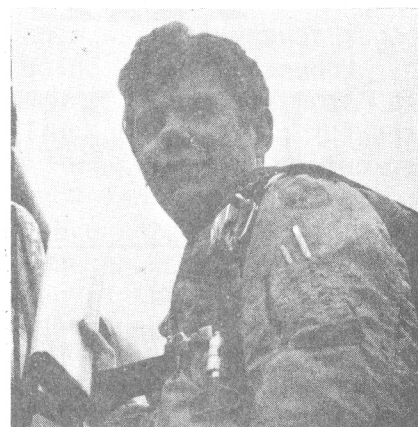
munications link between his superior and his subordinates. The boss tells him what to do and he tells them.

As a starting point, that may be all to the good. But the supervisor or manager who never goes beyond this level isn't doing the job that's expected of him.

A good manager has to be a self-starter. He anticipates the needs of

## Two Men Named To Hear Gripes

Maj. James O. Edwards and MSgt Willie G. Davis, Jr., have been appointed as the Commander's representatives to hear complaints and hold personal conferences with individuals of this organization who have grievances. This service is available for confidential hearings from 2:30-3:30 daily during Unit Training Assembly. Appointments are not required, but should be made in advance whenever possible.



his job and doesn't expect his superior to do it for him. He sees what needs doing and does it without waiting to be prompted. He accepts responsibility for developing new ideas and methods within the limits of his authority-without waiting to be prodded.

In short, a supervisor or manager is paid to think and to start things in his particular area. That's what leadership is all about. It's what the organization, his supervisor, his subordinates and everyone else looks to him for. If he doesn't do it, he isn't doing his job.

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## Mrs. Grantham Sets Precedent By Enlisting

Mrs. Margaret A. Grantham, of Del City, is the first Air Force reservist to enlist under new enlistment procedures which recently went into affect. New enlistments are now completed by the Armed Forces Examination and Enlistment Service in Oklahoma City.

However, Mrs. Grantham the wife of an Air Force staff sergeant, will serve in the 507th Communications Squadron after completing basic training and technical school.

Under the new enlistment procedures, AFEE gives the mental and physical examination and completes the initial enlistment of the reservist where the reserve unit formerly accomplished this.

Mrs. Grantham's husband, SSgt. Laverne Grantham, is now stationed at Tinker AFB. They have two children, Dawn, 6; and Leanne, 1.

She left for basic at Lackland AFB, Texas, in Mid-January to start her Air Force Reserve career. After completing initial training at Lackland, she will be reassigned to Kessler AFB, Miss., for a 10-week administrative specialist course.

After four months of training, Mrs. Grantham will return to Tinker and will attend UTAs and duty training with Detachment 507 of the 301st Tactical Fighter Wing.

The 50-man Swiss Guard is the world's smallest army.



**HISTORY SET** -- Mrs. Margaret A. Grantham, recently made history when she joined the Air Force Reserve. Maj. Silver Grimms OIC Air Force Recruiting Station, Oklahoma City, Administers the oath of enlistment as Mrs. Grantham's husband, SSgt Laverne Grantham, watches.

## New RSO Program Starts Soon

The Reserve Supplement Officer (RSO) program, which will start soon, will add a new dimension to the Air Force Reserve Mobilization Augmentee effort this fiscal year.

The program is to provide trained reserve officers, through lieutenant colonel to fill manpower shortages created by the emergency recall of active force rated officers to full-time flying duties. In peacetime many active rated officers are not assign-

ed primarily to flying duties. However, these people can be returned to full-time flying in emergencies.

Air Force has set an initial requirement of 508 RSOs in personnel, administration, intelligence, engineering and procurement career fields. They will serve in Category 'B' pay and training status, which provides 24 annual inactive duty training periods and a two-week active duty training tour each year.

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points out that at one time the buffalo was the prime source of food, clothing, shelter and fuel for America's inhabitants. The buffalo was abundant, the western plains were black with roaming herds.

But, like the energy of today, our forefathers wasted the buffalo needlessly until Congress had to step in and protect the animal with legislative action, preventing it from providing food and energy.

"Therefore, when using any energy source, don't forget to remember the buffalo" the press release concluded.

Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger, recently noted that DOD has had an energy conservation program underway for several years, which has reduced fuel consumption by 14 per cent.

"I remind you that the Department of Defense uses about 14 per cent of the current consumption of petroleum in the United States," Schlesinger said. "We will make every effort to minimize waste, but it should be understood that we're not a big consumer and that we will not take actions that will weaken the military posture of the United States."

Among 12 year-olds in one survey, 29% could not chin themselves even once. Half of American adults are overweight, and 55% of all deaths are due to diseases of the heart and blood vessels, many of them linked to inactivity and obesity.

## Boy's Letter Elates CO.

NOTE: It is not often that the Commander receives correspondence such as the following. If everyday we could remind ourselves of the spirit and intent of Bryan Sheering's letter, our jobs would be much easier.

Dear Sir

I am very interested in the military especially the Air Force. I go to Berachah Church and in Sunday School we are having a collection of airplane pictures and Fighter Group patches. I was wondering if you could send a picture of the aircraft you fly and the patch of your Fighter Group if you have time.

The military is the

only way this country is going to have freedom. When I get old enough, I am going to fight for my country.

A few weeks ago, Capt Steve Ritchie spoke at Berachah Church. I was very interested in his speech and his experiences in Viet Nam. I would appreciate it if you could send me any material.

Yours truly,  
Bryan Sheeting

(We pass along to Bryan that great men are those who find that what they ought to do and what they want to do are the same thing..... Patches and pictures were forwarded compliments of the 507th.)

### UNIT PROMOTIONS

#### TO MASTER SERGEANT

Harrell, Elgan L., Jr. 71 AP Sq

#### TO TECH SERGEANT

Owens, Dan R. 71 AP Sq  
Tyttanic, Joseph C. 10th Maint Sq

#### TO STAFF SERGEANT

Whaley, Terrence R. 71 AP Sq  
Peery, Earl G. 507 CE Flt  
LLoyd, Tommy D. 507 CAM Sq  
Currey, Jack A. 507 CAM Sq  
Roberts, George F. 507 WSS Flt  
Chronister, Donald L. 507 CE Flt

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Williams, Paul T. 10th Maint Sq  
Malone, Johnnie R., Jr. 10th Sup Sq

#### TO AIRMAN FIRST CLASS

Qualline, Matthew W. 71 AP Sq  
Robinson, James D. 507 CAM Sq  
Mason, James E. 507 EE Flt